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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro  
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Ranking Member Kay Granger  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Monroe STEM Computer and Technology Plan project in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Elementary and Secondary Education - Innovation and Improvement account under the Department of Education. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Town of Monroe, located at 7 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, CT 06468.

The Town of Monroe is seeking \$190,000 for investment in needed upgrades for STEM computer labs and acquisition of staff laptops.

This investment will result in significant improvements that would provide a seamless integration amongst students and staff to further their knowledge of advanced programs and facilitate collaboration throughout the district. The project would consist of needed upgrades across their educational platforms including STEM computer labs and staff laptops in order to network and share information, advancing educational activities and improving educational curricula with upgraded technology and advanced student support. The project would benefit The Town of Monroe and its Town-wide technology plan, a critically important project related to the seamless integration of technology solutions across their students, staff, and municipal offices within the district.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide significant technological improvement and increased access to STEM education in the town.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Himes", written over a horizontal line.

JIM HIMES  
Member of Congress